

Trench Report: A1500

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Datum Points: Datum points used during the excavation of this trench include R1 (elevation is +370.62 masl), and R4 (elevation is +365.74 masl).

Excavation Dates: July 4th – July 15th, 2002.

Location: Trench A1500 is irregularly shaped and located directly to the west of Trench A1100. It is bounded by Trench A1200 on the north, Trench A800 on the south and Trench A1600 on the west. The northern extent measures 4.15 m from the southernmost point of the bedrock outcropping (northwest corner of A1107) to the west (downslope). The eastern baulkline extends southward ca. 2.55 m, jogs westward ca. 0.80 m, and heads south ca. 2.20 m to Trench A800. The southern extent measures ca. 3.0 m and the western baulk spans ca. 5.20 m. Eventually, Trench A1500 extended further north to the southern face of A1206.

Purpose: ?

Depositional History: Excavation ended with locus **A1508** in the southern end of the room, the bottom of which was bedrock and pitted out soil. There was a concentration of burnt pottery sherds (dated to the Archaic period with possible Late Geometric and some Orientalizing sherds), burnt soil and carbon found in the southeast corner. This was below the extant floor surface of the room, which was not preserved in this area of the room, most likely as a result of water run off and erosion. Directly above **A1508** was locus **A1505**, a layer of

packed clay unearthed in the northern section of the room. In the middle of the room, there is a large mass of worked bedrock by the eastern wall. It did not appear to have been completely level with the floor surface. Atop of this, was a stratum of tumble (mostly medium to large stones), which was excavated over the entire trench area. There was a small deposit of burnt clay and burnt soil found in the northeast area, which anticipated the destruction material subsequently discovered in **A1505**. The area south of the room exhibits evidence of great erosion and displacement. There is little in the way of features or artefacts to help identify the nature of this space except for a small section of a wall (Wall **A1509** running north-south). Above this stratum, was locus **A1502**, the first major layer of rock tumble. The tumble was dense and characterized by medium to very large stones (including one especially massive boulder). Just above it was a level of modern surface material (**A1501**). The surface collection for **A1500** is included with the surface collection for **A1200** (**A1200.1**).

Architecture: The rectangular room (oriented along a north-south axis) was bounded by **Wall A1206** on the north, **Wall A1504** on the west (the doorway was situated in the south end of this wall), **Wall A1506** on the east, and **Wall A1507** on the south. **Wall A1206**'s southern face appeared to be constructed with medium-large stones and rubble. **Wall A1504** was similar in character and size of **Wall A1206** but has shifted significantly down slope (westward). There was a doorway in the west wall in the southwest corner of the room. **Wall A1507** had two surviving courses of medium sized stones but did not appear to have a worked southern face. **Wall A1506** was poorly preserved (with the exception of the northeast section, probably protected in part by its position against the bedrock) and was displaced (due to erosion and pressure from tumble) towards the west. The area behind **Wall A1506** (i.e., to the east), contained small to medium stones with pre-bedrock material. This seemed to indicate that **Wall A1506** functioned as a retaining wall as well. Outside of this room, to the south, there was a small section of a wall (**Wall A1509**) with four medium-large stones forming a

western face. This wall abuts the southern face of **Wall A1507**, running north-south, but did not correspond with **Wall A1504** to the north or with **Wall A602** to the south.

Conclusions: The Archaic room in Trench **A1500** appears to have suffered the same type of destruction as the three-roomed building from **A1100**. The destruction pattern is consistent with that found in many of the buildings at Azoria: tumble, followed by roofing clay, and burnt debris. The pottery finds suggest a domestic function for the room but its proximity to the storage facility in **A1200** and the shrine area in **A800** may indicate some other function yet to be determined. Indeed, its relationship with the surrounding buildings is difficult to assess on the basis of the present data. Future excavation will hopefully shed more light on this issue. While **A1508** did excavate below the present surface level this season (confirming the degree of erosion in this area), it may be informative to excavate below the floor surface in the north end of the room, which is better preserved. It would also be necessary to further excavate the area west of the room (already started this season in **A1600**) to determine where the doorway led and the nature of that area. Further excavation should also focus on Wall **A1509** and its relationship with the building.

Cut to the Chase:

A1508: (entrance area) eroded floor area, burn debris, pottery deposit

A1505: (room proper) destruction/habitation debris, roofing clay, some tumble

A1503: Tumble, destruction debris, roofing clay

A1502: Dense tumble

A1501: Modern surface material

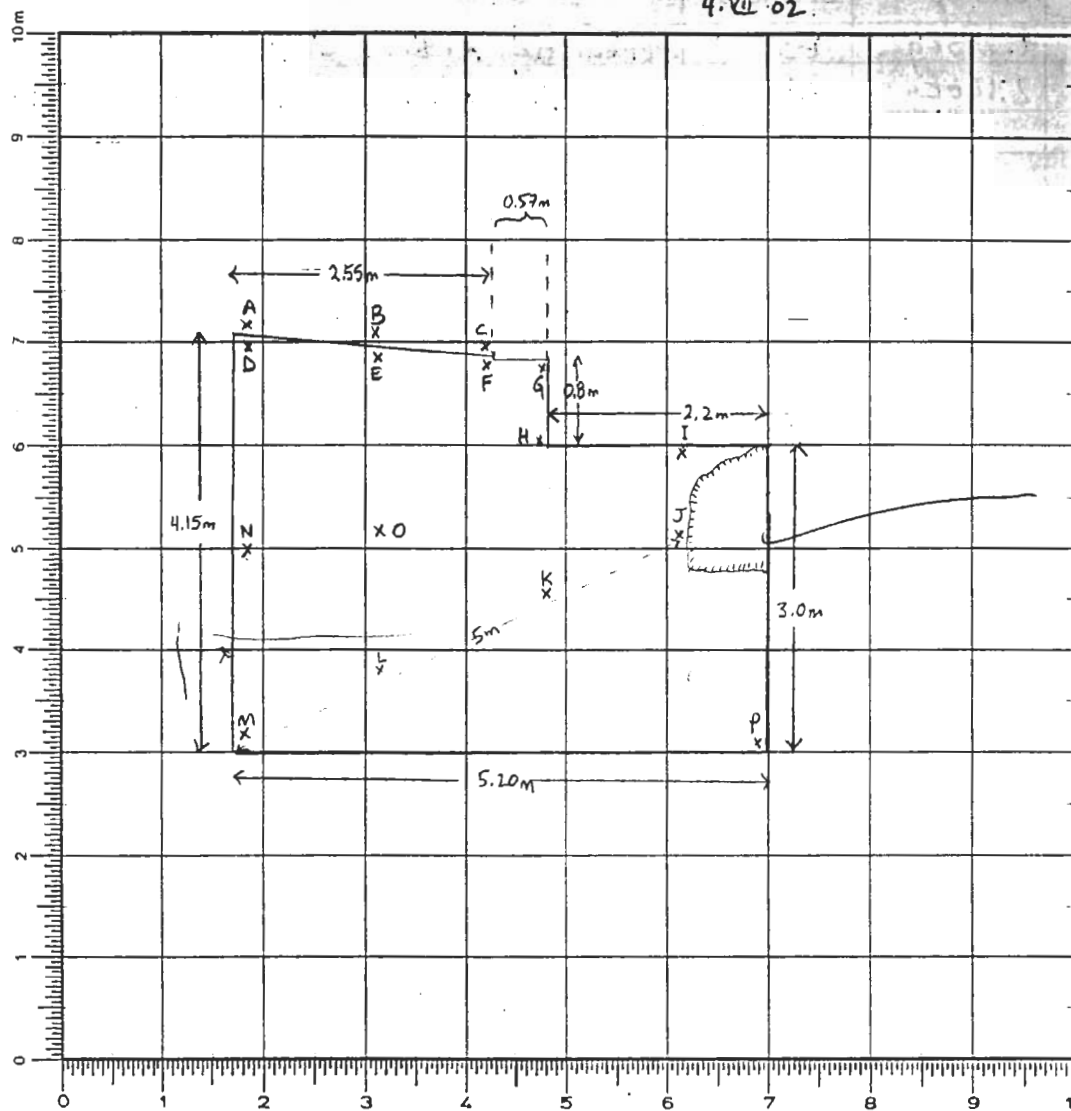
A1200.1: Surface collection for A1500 and A1200 (see Melissa's and Peter's notebook)

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1500 Excavator SZP

Elevations

Benchmark used: R4

Reading on

Benchmark: 365.74H.I.: (3985) 369.725START ELEVATIONS FOR A1501.1
4.11.02

A	1.845	367.88
B	1.898	367.827
C	1.94	367.785
D	2.032	367.793
E	1.97	367.755
F	2.02	367.705
G	2.042	367.683
H	2.4	367.325
I	2.34	367.385
J	2.918	366.807
K	3.08	366.645
L	3.31	366.415
M	3.64	366.085
N	2.83	366.895
O	2.57	367.155
P	3.40	366.325

Stone Level 150
1.5m 368.15SKETCH 1:75 N
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 4. VII. 02

Locus above:

Locus parameters: Bounded by A1200 on north; A800 on south; A1600 on west and A1100 on east; ~~4.15.02~~Verbal description: Area is very steep (slopes westward) and has many large stones - much is disturbed on surface due to wheel barrow traffic and modification to make access from upper ~~step~~ slope to lower terrace easier. -

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

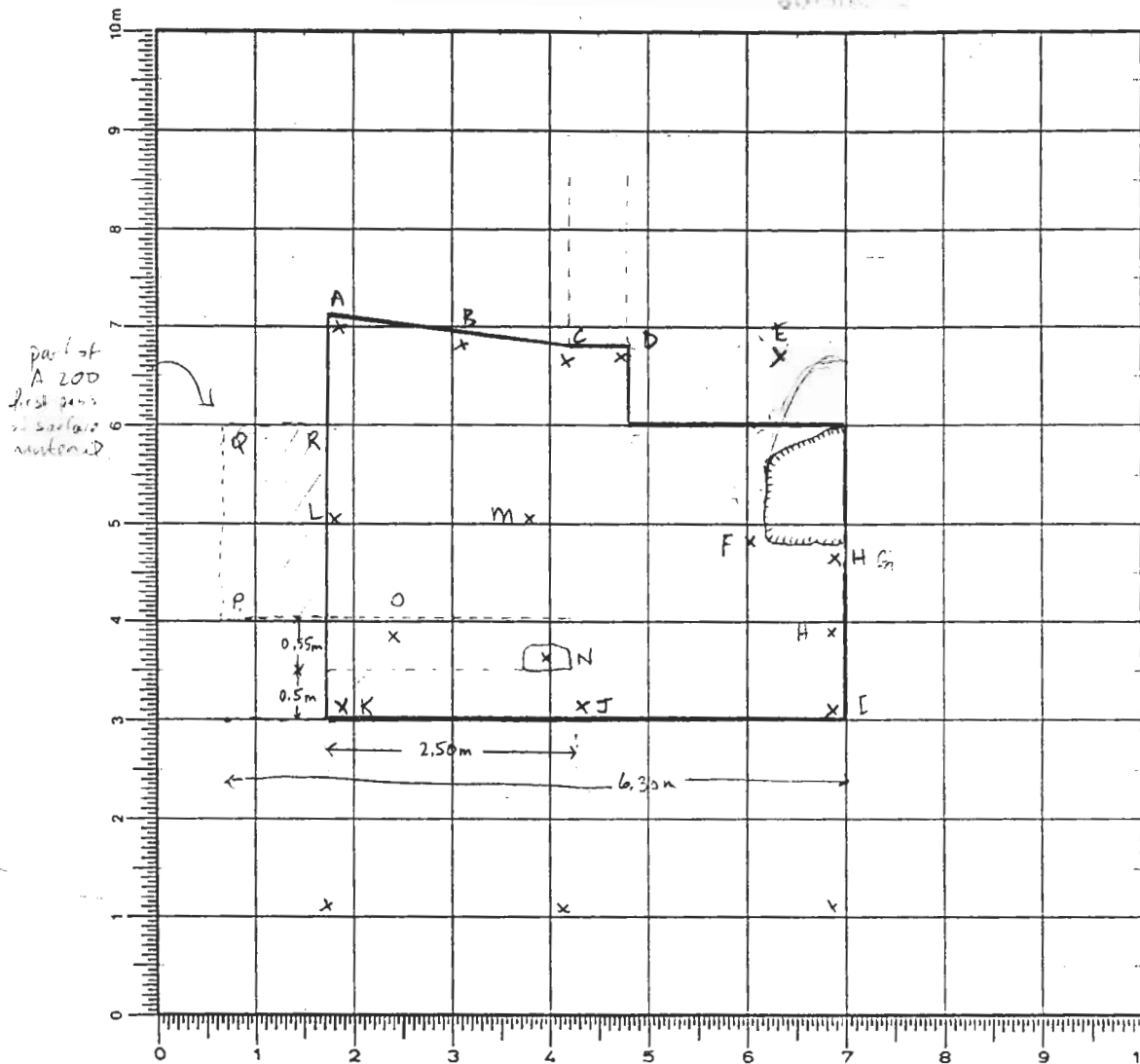
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Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1501 Excavator SZP**Elevations**Benchmark used: R4

Reading on

Benchmark: 365.74H.I.: (4.538) 370.278

END ELEVATIONS FOR A1501 / START FOR 1502.



A	3.183	367.095
B	2.947	367.331
C	2.97	367.308
D	2.81	367.468
E	2.668	367.61
F	3.145	367.133
G	3.821	366.457
H	3.91	366.368
I	4.445	365.833
J	4.321	365.957
K	4.192	366.086
L	3.71	366.568
M	3.27	367.008
N	3.86	366.418
O	3.84	366.438
P	3.345	366.511
Q	2.65	367.206
R	2.813	367.038
HI	(4.116)	369.856

SKETCH 1:75 N

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 8.VII.02Locus above: A1501

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

366.71

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1500 Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

4. VII. 02: Opening of new trench A1500; elevations taken (see page 1);
The first pass (with small pick) began from the southern face of A1206, a
ca. 1.20m strip, heading north; the purpose was to expose the presumed
rock tumble under the soil; pottery pail is A1501.1; bone was collected;
a double faced wall was uncovered, running south to north, 0.5m from
the western limit of the trench — the length of this wall is ca. 2.5m,
though the area south of this wall is heavily eroded due to excavation
traffic (it was the wheelbarrel path for A800). —

5. VII. 02: Continued with yesterday's pass; pottery pail is A1501.2;

A stone tool was found in NE quadrant (elevation: 2.545) — obj. #1
Bone was collected, as was a standard soil sample.

clean up, photographs, elevations, and all locus

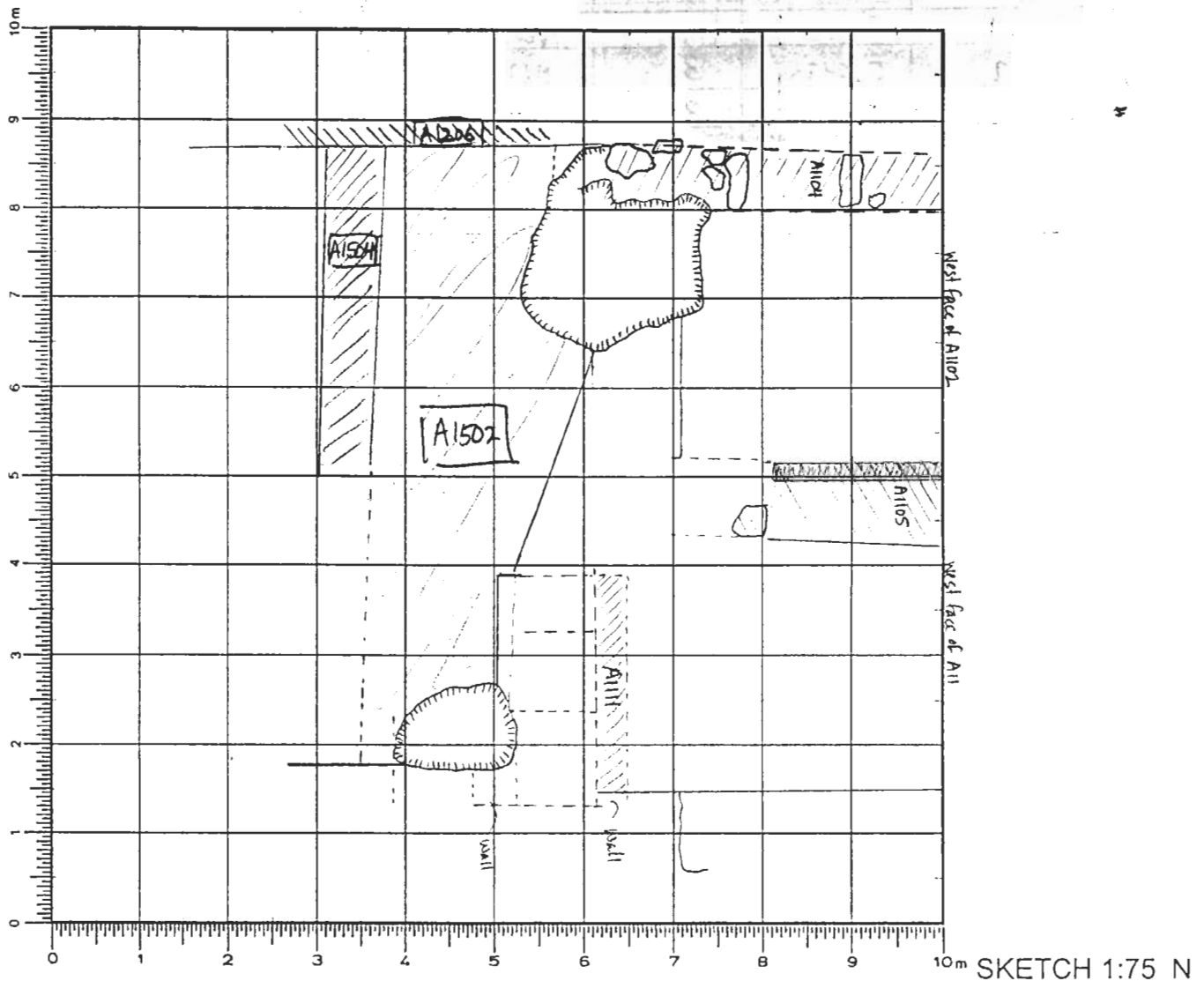
(2.545)

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1502 Excavator ZZP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.: 

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 8.VII.02 Locus above: 1501Locus parameters: Parameters are the same as 1501 except that the western boundary is now the eastern face of A1504 and its extrapolation south.

Verbal description:

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 2002

Trench/Locus

A 1502.

Excavator

SZP

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OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2002 Trench/Locus 1502 Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

8. VII. 02: Designation of new locus because of wall tumble. 1502.1
 Will consist of a pass to remove the layer of rock tumble beginning from the NW area (since we have two faces of walls exposed) and moving E.
 Concentration of large pithoi fragments in NE corner (part of A1202)
 Concentration of bone found ca. 2.30m from N wall and 1.20 east of W wall)
 A stone tool was found Obj. #1 (1.05m east of West wall and 3.05m South of North wall) - Elevation: 1.575 R4.H1 (2.555)
 A shell was collected (with bone).
 Two courses of a wall found in NE corner, running N-S, and against →
9. VII. 02: Continued pass in southern section. Pottery pail is 1502.2.
 Bone collected. - workmen gone - notebook work.
 Stone tool Obj. #1 found in central section of trench.

H1 = 368.274

R4 (2534).

10. VII. 02: Finished pass from yesterday; pottery pail is 1502.3

A	1055	367.219
B	1556	366.718
C	1662	366.612
D	1963	366.311
E	1734	366.54
F	1952	366.322
G	1532	366.742
H	1600	366.674
I	1829	366.445
J	2009	366.276

K 366.442

L 2009 366.265

M (27.56) - (3900) R4 366.884

N 1731 366.543

O 2019 366.255

P 1889 366.385

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U 1975 366.299

V 1865 366.409

X 2009 366.265

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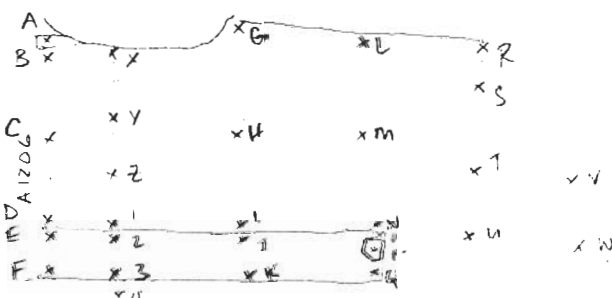
Z 1689 366.585

1 1638 366.636 photos & elevations

2 2007 366.267

3 1841 366.433

4 1952 366.322



wall elevations for A1111

R4 H1 4.623

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2.2.28

3.2.215

4.2.295

5.7.23

6.2.313

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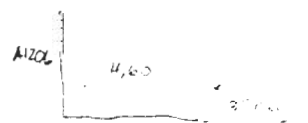
97.2.313

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100.2.313

Stone tool 4.623



using the natural bedrock as continuous face. - hope to find
continuation of this wall on south side of bedrock.

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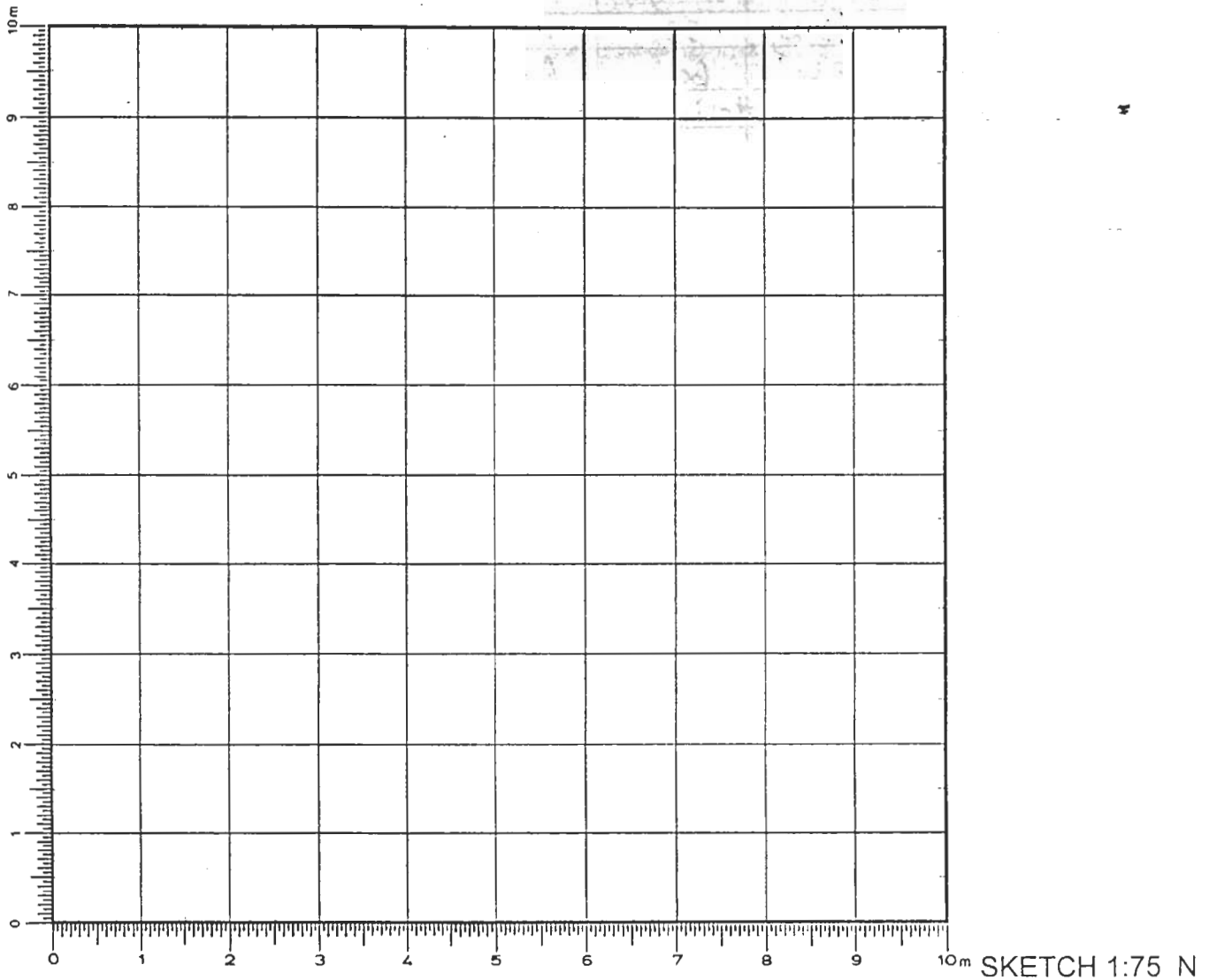
Elevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 10.VII.02 Locus above: 1502

Locus parameters: Same as A1502 except that eastern limit is ~~the~~ A1506.
 (western face)

Verbal description:

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 2002

Trench/Locus

A1503

Excavator

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2002 Trench/Locus 1503Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

10.VII.02: A second pass to remove rock tumble was begun; pottery pail is A1503.1; This pass too began in the NW corner of the room in the hopes of further uncovering and defining lower courses of wall. As the pass moves southward, it is hoped that there would be enlightenment as to the nature of the eastern wall and the south wall. A stone tool was found in the southwest section obj. # 1 -

A large stone pithos lid/cover was found in the NW corner obj. # 2 -

A small concentration of burnt soil was found in the NE corner - no sample taken

West wall in

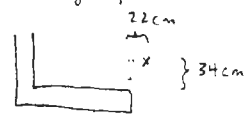
1503.11504

A deposit of packed clay was uncovered in the NE corner - no trace in the west section - perhaps roofing clay or a floor surface that eroded away in the west (down slope) - intensive soil sample taken (Bag 1) - also a standard soil sample (Bag 2)

A few more pieces of carbon found in NE section - sample taken. More burnt soil and burnt clay - perhaps a part of roofing clay and debris.

A continuation of the east wall (uncovered earlier in the NE corner) appears to run south. Concentration of carbon in mid east section against this wall - soil sample (intensive taken) Bag 3

11.VII.02: Continuation of yesterday's pass in Southern section ^{RU} HI (2.65)
A bronze pin was found in Southern section obj. # 1 bronze pin 2.174
Pottery pail is A1503.2. A linear configuration of several ^{small} stones, running E-W, may make up the Southern wall of the room.



A stone object was found midway along the east wall obj. # 2. Bone collected.

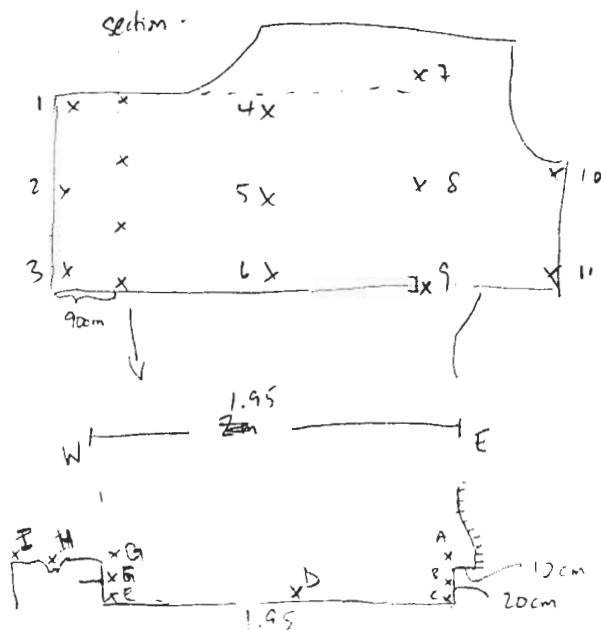
The small stones making up the linear configuration was thought to be part of the tumble and removed

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1503 Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

End of A1503.2

R4 HI (4.718) 370.458



1. 3.98	366.478
2. 4.15	366.308
3. 4.295	366.163
4. 3.985	366.473
5. 4.225	366.233
6. 4.365	366.093
7. 3.75	366.708
8. 4.275	366.183
9. 4.344	366.114
10. 4.21	366.248
11. 4.385	366.073

A. 3.85	366.608
B. 3.96	366.498
C. 4.038	366.42
D. 4.19	366.268
E. 4.234	366.224
F. 4.15	366.308
G. 4.07	366.418

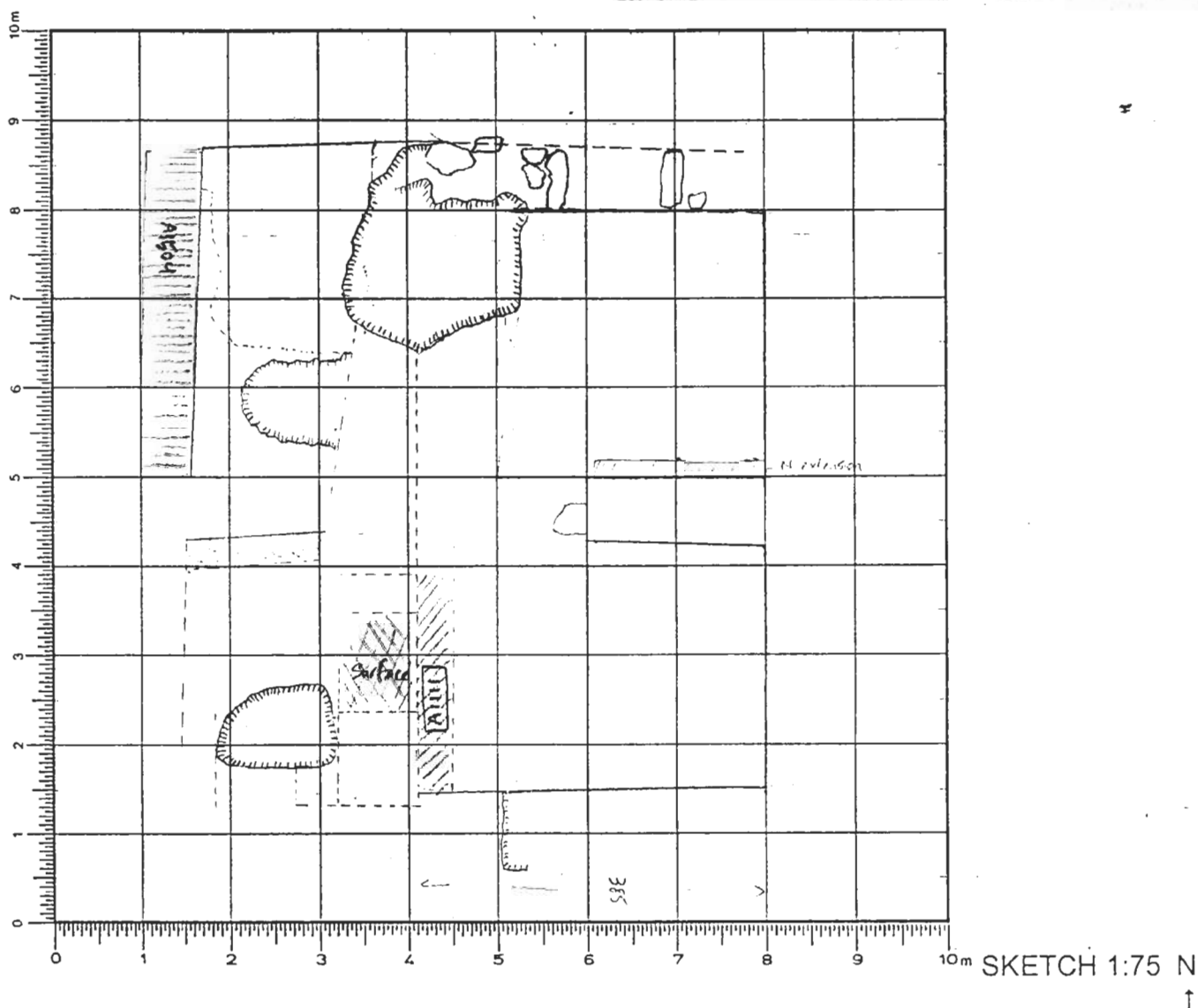
Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1504 Excavator SJP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 10.VII.02 Locus above: A1501Locus parameters: Western wall, running N-Sca 3.70m along east face; 3.60m along weston face; wall thickness:

Verbal description:

- small to medium size stones; 4-5 courses preserved but many of the stones of the upper courses have shifted downslope (ie, westward) making the wall ~~dangerously~~ lean considerably

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

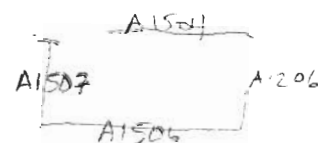
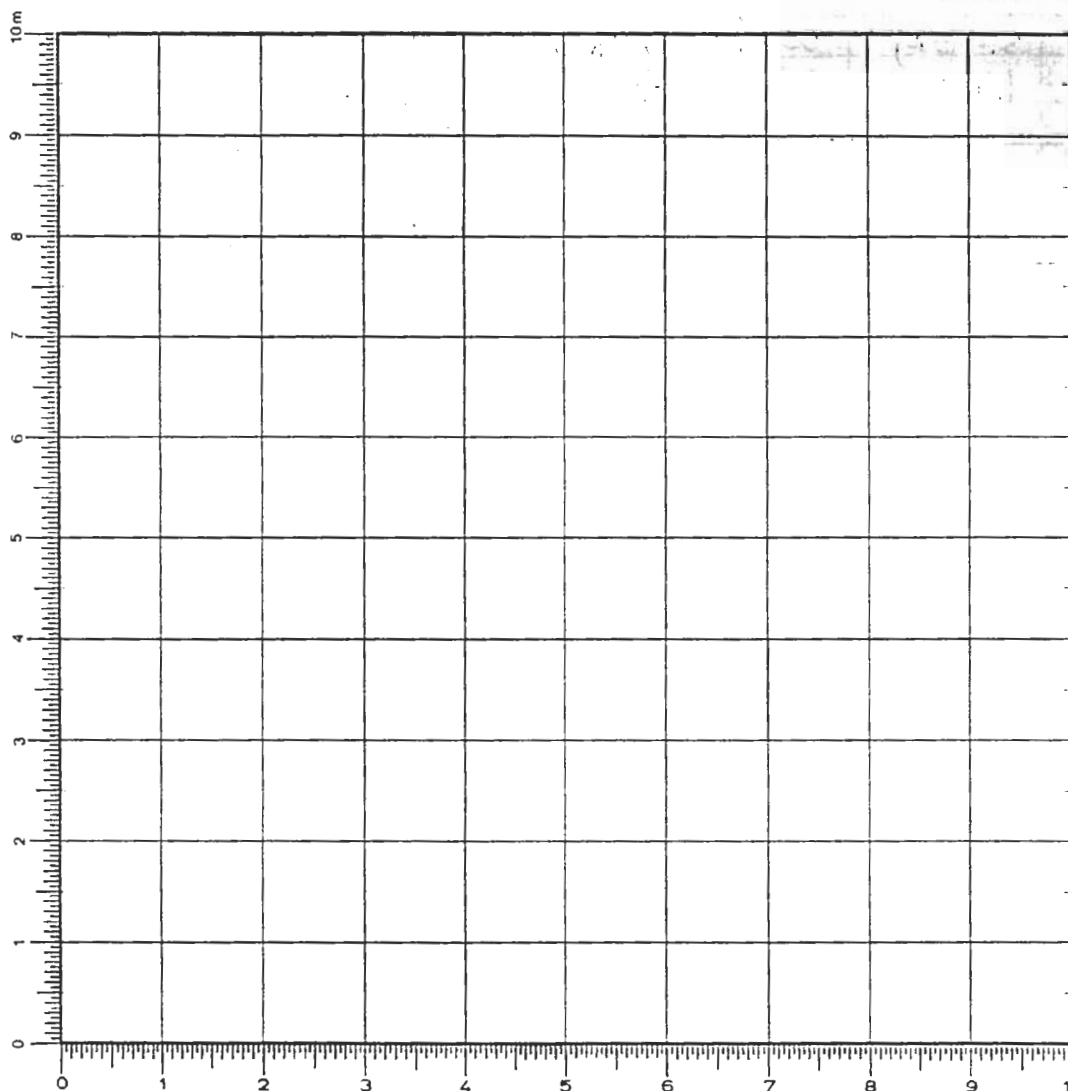
Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1505 Excavator SZP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

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Benchmark:

H.I.:



SKETCH 1:75 N



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 12.VII.02 Locus above: A1503Locus parameters: A1505 bounded by western wall A1504, by northern wallVerbal description: A1206, by eastern wall A1506, and by possible southern wall (linear configuration of stones running EW uncovered by A1503. (~~A1507~~))

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 2002

Trench/Locus

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1505 Excavator SJP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

12.VII.02: New locus = interior space of room; pass begun in south end of room (by the entrance) to define the Northern face of the possible south wall. Then to move along the eastern wall (west face of A1506) in hopes of uncovering the floor surface - what remains of it since there was much erosion on this part of the slope; pottery pail was A1505.1; bone was also collected.

In the SE corner, there was a concentration of burnt soil and carbon (a sample was taken) - intensive soil sample was collected here (Bag 1); as the pass moved north along the east wall, a large bedrock outcrop was revealed - the soil atop and around it was burnt (another intensive soil sample was collected (Bag 3); a standard soil sample was also taken (Bag 2). Excavation stopped ca. 2.30m short of the north wall.

* clay deposit in NE corner from earlier pass () was probably the floor surface (either atop or using the bedrock floor) - the floor is very poorly preserved due to the erosion.

At this point, the trench closed for the season. Clean up and photographs; a small channel was cut along the eastern face of A1504 to prevent deterioration of A1504 due to erosional water.

15.VII.02: Decision to complete pass from yesterday (visible destruction strata in exposed scarp suggests that the floor surface of room has yet to be reached (despite outcropping of bedrock in mid east section). Pottery pail is A1505.2; an intense concentration of carbon, burnt soil and burnt clay was found in the central part of the room. - Carbon was collected; intensive soil sample was collected from central room area (burn/clay carbon source). Bag 1

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

15.VII.02: A relatively flat surface of packed clay (probably the floor surface) was found beneath the destruction/habitation strata (at this point sieving began). Two more intensive soil samples were taken from the central room area (atop floor surface and part of destruction level) Bags 2 & 3; Bone was collected.

- Another concentration of carbon was found in the north part of the room (ca. 50cm south of A1206 and ca. 115cm east of A1504) - large clumps of soil (with relatively intact samples of carbon matrix) - 2 intensive soil sample bags Bags 4 & 5 were collected from here and one bucket of the large clumps. Bag 6;

R4
HI(25.09) - possible iron fragments found (ca. 40cm south of A1206 and 140cm east of A1504) elevation: 11.75 Obj. #1

- pumice found in sieve as well as sea pebbles (2) Obj. #2

- concentration of burnt bone found in NE corner of room (while bone has been found throughout, only the NE corner yielded burnt/calified bone samples).

- another soil sample (intensive) was ~~for~~ collected.

- a loom weight was uncovered (ca. 2.05m south of A1206 and 1.30 east of A1504) elevation: Obj. #3

- clean up and photographs.

R4(2605)
loom weight (2236)

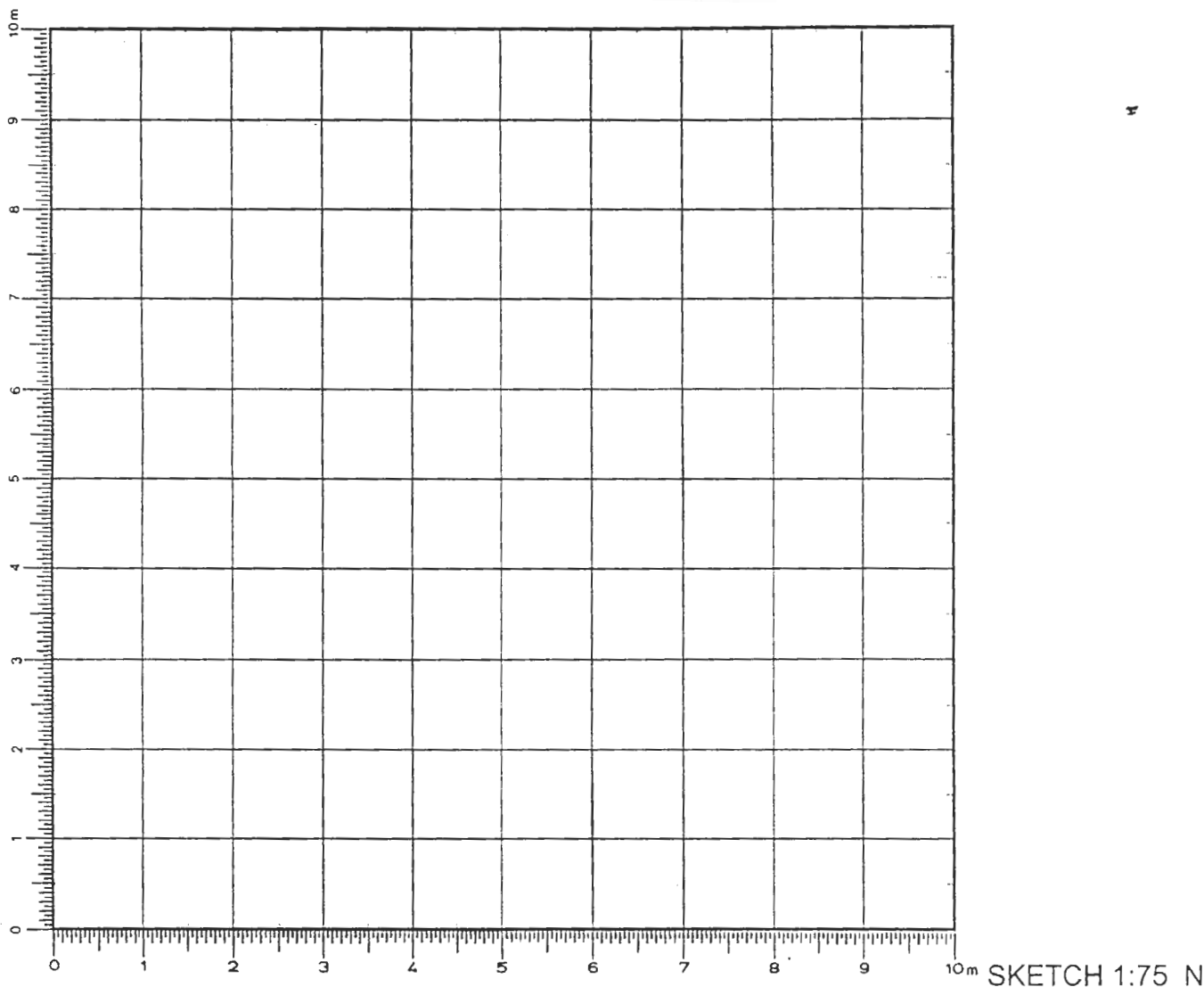
Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1506 Excavator SZP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 12.vii.02Locus above: 1502

Locus parameters: Western face is ca. 4.5 m long. The stones in the west face range from ca. 0.40 m to ca. 0.20 m, with pebbly and rubble fill on the east side.

Verbal description:

This is the N-S wall that is the eastern wall of A1505. The wall incorporates the large bedrock outcropping in the NE area of trench and uses small stones to fill in the wall face. The southern end of wall has shifted down slope (ie. westward) considerably.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

probably a retaining wall. ~~used to~~

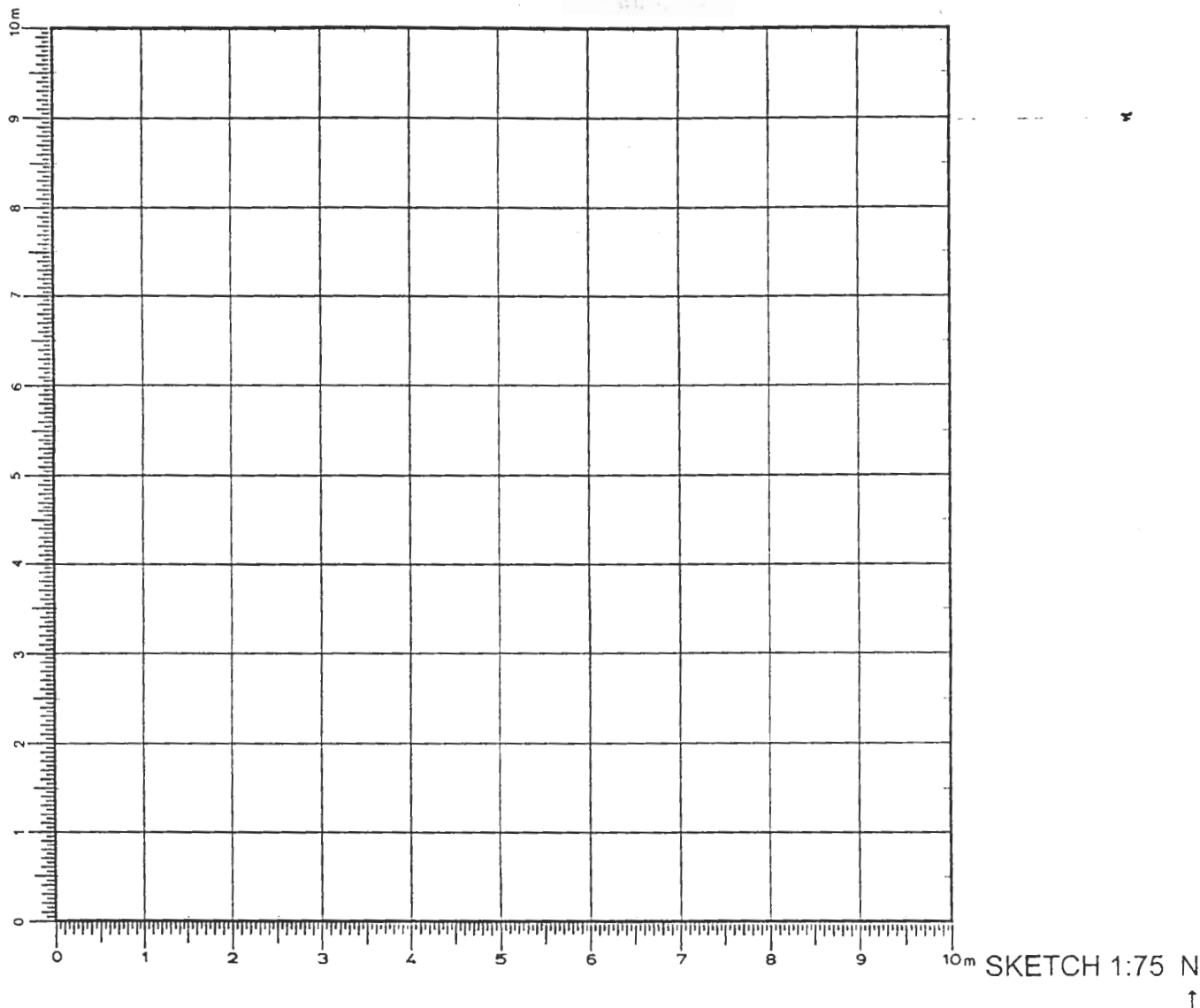
Year 2002 Trench/Locus 1507 Excavator SZPElevations

Benchmark used:

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Benchmark:

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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters: ca. 1.6 m along north face; ca 0.50 m thick; no south face found.

Verbal description:

This is the southern wall that runs E-W. Seems to about A1506 but the wall shift ~~west~~ in the area of the join makes it difficult to assess. The west end forms part of the doorway (along with A1504). The stones are medium-large stones with rubble fill to the north side.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

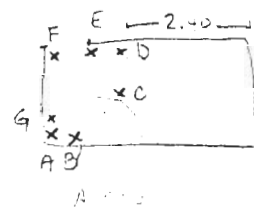
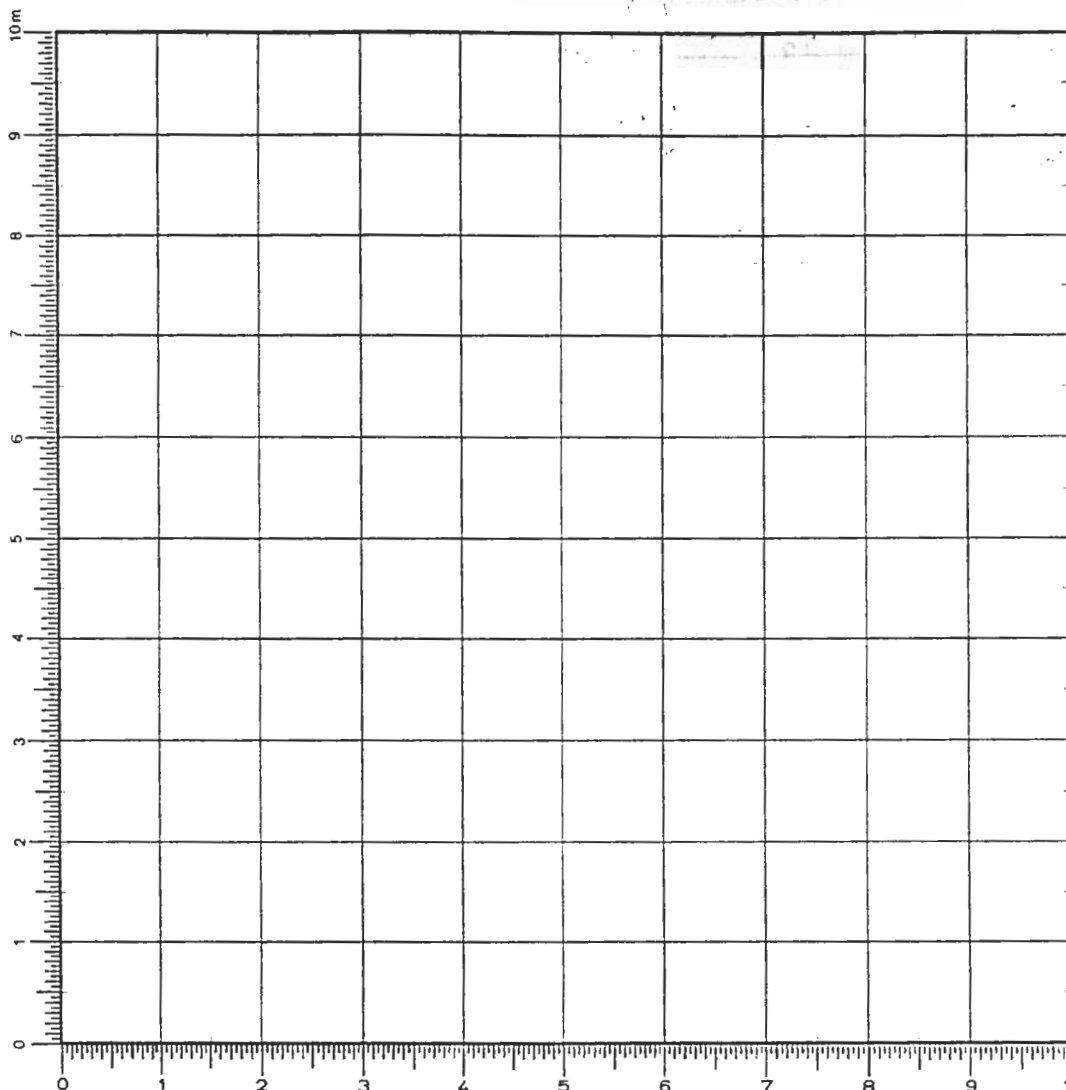
Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1508Excavator SZP**Elevations**Benchmark used: R3

Reading on

Benchmark: 364.24H.I.: (4.100) 368.34

start elevations

A 2.420 365.92
 B 2.323 366.017
 C 2.398 365.942
 D 2.362 365.978
 E 2.467 365.873
 F 2.432 365.908
 G (pottery concentration in A1508.1) 2.624
 365.716



SKETCH 1:75 N



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters:

bounded by A1206 on north; A1506 on the east; A1504 on the west and A1507 on the south.

Verbal description:

This is the interior space of a ~~set~~ rectangular (though the south end has shifted a bit), aligned along a ~~N-S~~ N-S axis. - ca. 1.20 along the south; 4.20 m along the west; 1.80 m along the north and 4.5 m along the east; the entrance is in the SW corner facing west.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Year 2002 Trench/Locus 1508 Excavator SZP

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1508 Excavator SJP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

15.vii.02: New locus - pass to define entrance space more clearly. Pass of 15-20cm in depth starting from entrance, moving east, then moving south to north. Pottery find is A1508.1; bone is collected.

Obj #1

There was a concentration of burnt pottery sherds, burnt soil and carbon (no sample) in the SE corner of room - there was no floor surface preserved in this section - probably due to erosion. A loomweight was uncovered in SE corner (no elevation or exact coordinate). An intensive soil sample was taken in SE corner (carbon source) (Bag 1); another intensive soil sample of soil found in pot sherd found in SE corner (Bag 2). At the centre, the "krater" sherds were collected and sent to conservation - Obj #2

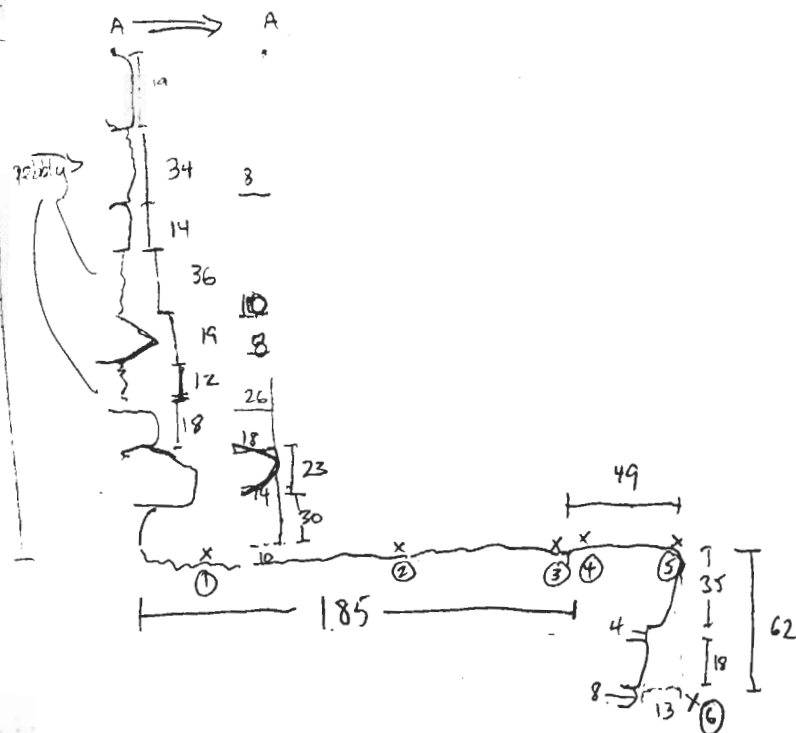
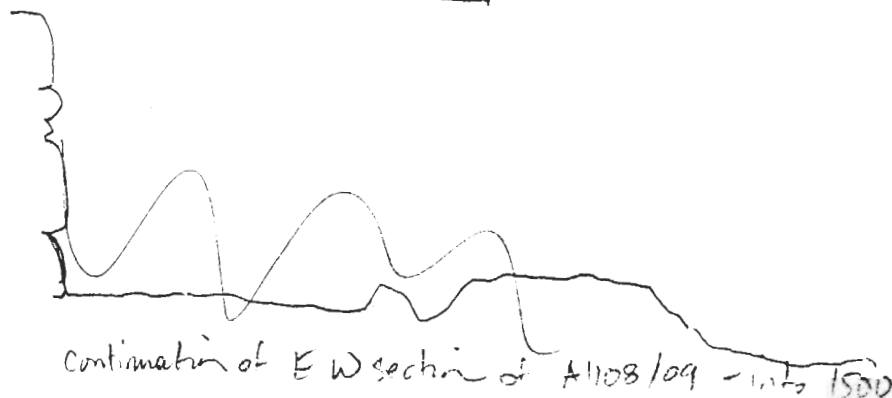
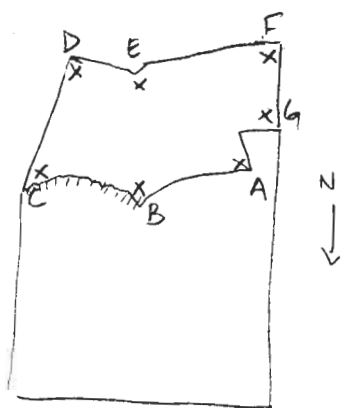
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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

final elevations —
South end of A1508

R4 HI (2.570) 368.31

A	2.628	365.682
B	2.556	365.754
C	2.628	365.682
D	2.602	365.708
E	2.594	365.716
F	2.655	365.655
G	2.622	365.688



R4 365.24
HI from Pail 2.570

1.	2.331	365.979
3.	2.325	365.985
4.	2.220	366.09
5.	2.185	366.125
6.	2.810	365.5

D = 370.15

(6)	(4.14)
(0.03)	(4.17)
(-0.08)	(4.06)
(-0.12)	(4.03)
(.51)	(4.65)

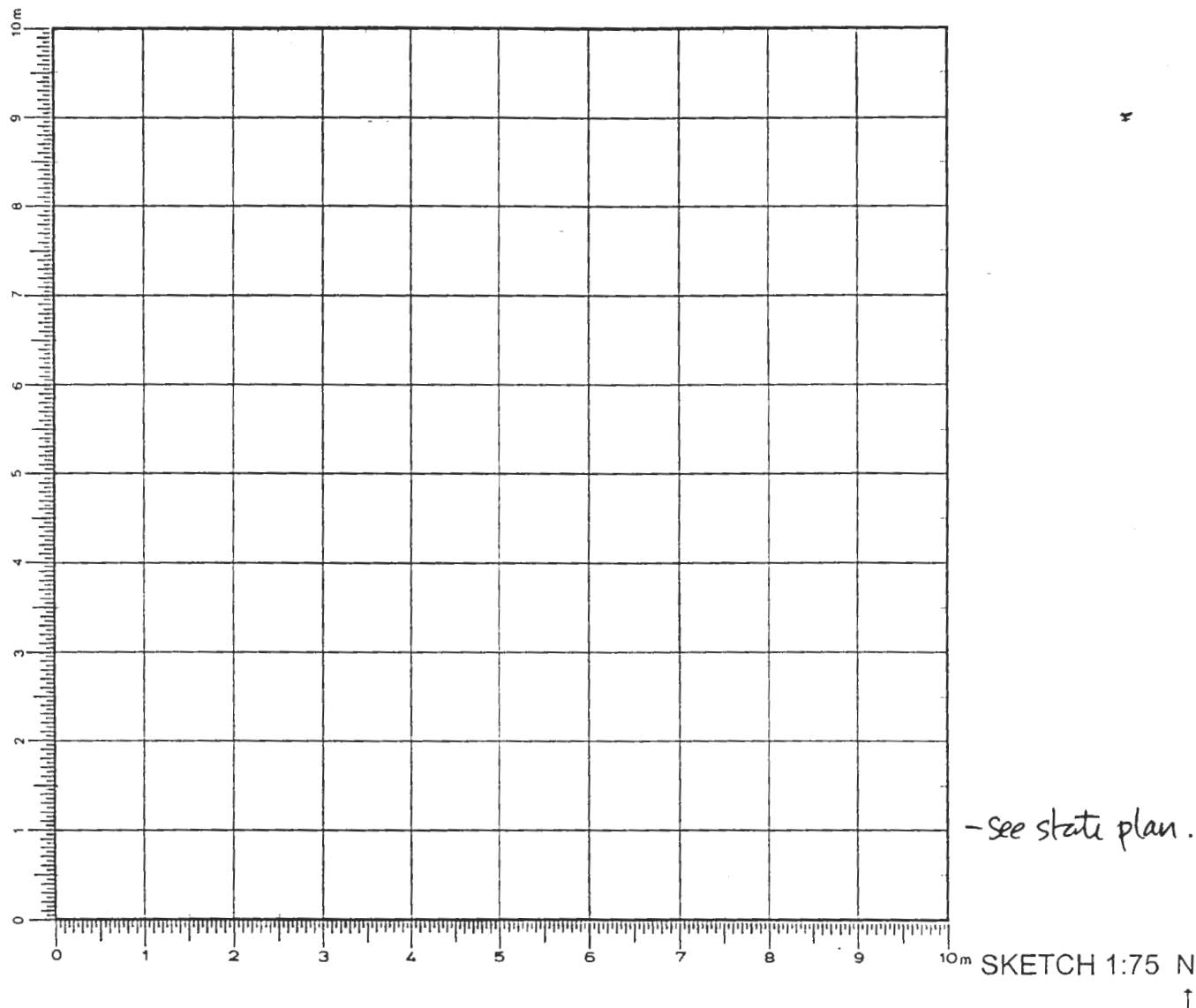
O = 370.15 E-W section of A1500. - West of A1108

367.385 (2.77) 366.807 (3.34) 366.205 (3.95) start 1501.1

367.133 (3.02) 365.833 (4.32) end 1501.1

367.346 (2.8) 366.543 (3.61) 366.274 (3.88) 366.299 (3.85) end 1502.3

366.708 (3.44) 366.183 (3.97) 366.114 (4.04) end of 1503.2

Year 2002 Trench/Locus A1509 Excavator SZPElevationsBenchmark used:
Reading on
Benchmark:
H.I.:DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 1. VIII. 02

Locus above:

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: This is a N-S running section of wall ~~just~~ that abuts the south face of A1507. It only runs ca. 4 m and has the same character as A1504 (in construction and quality of stones). It has no east face.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):